

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A shipping management computer system, said computer system programmed to:

receive a request by a particular user to ship a particular parcel, said request comprising a first address, a second address, and an indication of a shipping date; and
~~in response to each respective the request by each respective particular user of a plurality of users to ship a particular respective parcel, wherein each respective request comprises a first address and a second address, determine a~~
respective simultaneous potential cross-comparison delivery schedule, said
~~respective simultaneous cross-comparison delivery schedule comprising a plurality of~~
~~respective service-specific, carrier-specific delivery schedules to ship the particular~~
~~respective parcel from the first address to the second address according to the~~
indication of the shipping date, wherein each respective service-specific, carrier-specific
~~delivery schedule correspond[[s]]ing to a respective particular delivery service of a~~
~~plurality of delivery services offered by a respective particular carrier of a plurality of~~
~~carriers, wherein the each respective potential cross-comparison service-specific,~~
carrier-specific delivery schedule compris[[es]]ing a respective calendar delivery date
and a respective delivery time for each a corresponding respective particular delivery
service of the plurality of delivery services offered by each a corresponding respective
particular carrier of the plurality of carriers that would deliver the particular respective
parcel from the first address to the second address according to the indication of the
shipping date, said simultaneous potential cross-comparison delivery schedule
comprising a respective service-specific, carrier-specific delivery schedule for each
respective particular delivery service of the plurality of delivery services offered by each
respective particular carrier of the plurality of carriers that would deliver the particular

respective parcel from the first address to the second address according to the indication of the shipping date and wherein the shipping management computer system is accessed by each respective particular user via a communications network using a respective user client computer device.

2. (Currently Amended) The shipping management computer system of Claim 1, said computer system further programmed to:

calculate a respective shipping rate for each said respective particular delivery service to [[ship]]deliver the particular respective parcel according to the respective service-specific, carrier-specific delivery schedule.

3. (Currently Amended) The shipping management computer system of Claim 2, said computer system further programmed to:

in response to the[[a]] user request by a respective particular user for a shipping rate and delivery schedule comparison, generate a display of an online interactive prompt for display to a display monitor configured with [[the]]a respective user client computer device [[of]]associated with the respective particular user, said online interactive prompt comprising a simultaneous potential cross-comparison of each of said respective shipping rates for each said particular delivery service, the display of each of said respective shipping rates corresponding to a display of the respective service-specific, carrier-specific delivery schedule for the respective particular delivery service to [[ship]]deliver the particular respective parcel, said online interactive prompt configured for receiving a user's indication of a selection of a particular respective shipping rate and for responding to the user's indication of the selection of the particular respective shipping rate with a printing of a shipping label for shipment of the particular respective parcel using a particular delivery service offered by a particular carrier associated with the particular respective shipping rate.

4. (Currently Amended) A method using a computer system for managing shipping of a plurality of parcels shipped by any one of a plurality of carriers, the method comprising:

receiving a delivery schedule information request by a particular user, said delivery schedule information request comprising a first postal code, a second postal code, and an indication of a shipping date; and

~~in response to each respective~~the delivery schedule information request by each
~~respective particular user of a plurality of users, wherein each respective delivery~~
~~schedule information request comprises at least a respective first postal code and a~~
~~respective second postal code, determin[[e]]ing a respective~~simultaneous potential
~~cross-comparison delivery schedule, said respective~~simultaneous potential cross-
~~comparison delivery schedule comprising a plurality of respective service-specific,~~
~~carrier-specific delivery schedules for a respective shipment from the respective first~~
~~postal code to the respective second postal code~~according to the indication of the
~~shipping date, wherein each respective service-specific, carrier specific delivery~~
~~schedule correspond[[s]]ing to a particular delivery service of a plurality of services~~
~~offered by each carrier of a plurality of carriers, wherein the each respective potential~~
~~cross-comparison service-specific, carrier-specific delivery schedule compris[[es]]ing a~~
~~respective~~calendar delivery date and a respective delivery time for each a
corresponding~~respective particular delivery service of the plurality of delivery services~~
~~offered by each a corresponding~~respective particular carrier of the plurality of carriers
~~that would to deliver the particular respective parcel from the first postal code to the~~
~~second postal code according to the indication of the shipping date, said simultaneous~~
~~potential cross-comparison delivery schedule comprising a respective service-specific,~~
~~carrier-specific delivery schedule for each respective particular delivery service of the~~
~~plurality of delivery services offered by each respective particular carrier of the plurality~~
~~of carriers that would deliver the particular respective parcel from the first postal code to~~
~~the second postal code according to the indication of the shipping date, and wherein the~~
~~computer system is accessed by each respective particular user via a communications~~
~~network using a respective user client computer device.~~

5. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 4, said method further comprising:
calculating a respective shipping rate for the respective shipment by each said
particular delivery service from the respective first postal code to the respective second

postal code, according to the respective service-specific, carrier-specific delivery schedule.

6. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 5, said method further comprising:
in response to the delivery schedule information~~[[a]] user request by a respective particular user for a shipping rate and delivery schedule comparison~~, generat~~[[e]]~~ing a display of an online interactive prompt for display to a display monitor configured with ~~[[the]]~~a respective user client computer device ~~[[of]]~~associated with the respective particular user, said online interactive prompt comprising a simultaneous potential cross-comparison of each of said respective shipping rates for each said particular delivery service, the display of each of said respective shipping rates corresponding to a display of the respective service-specific, carrier-specific delivery schedule for the respective shipment from the respective first postal code to the respective second postal code, said online interactive prompt configured for receiving a user's indication of a selection of a particular respective shipping rate and for responding to the user's indication of the selection of the particular respective shipping rate by facilitating shipment of a particular parcel using a particular delivery service offered by a particular carrier associated with the particular respective shipping rate.

7. (Currently Amended) A computer program product embodying computer program instructions for execution by a computer system for managing shipping of a plurality of parcels shipped by any one of a plurality of carriers, the computer program product comprising:

receiving a delivery schedule information request by a particular user, said delivery schedule information request comprising a respective first postal code, a respective second postal code, and an indication of a shipping date; and

a set of program instructions for determining, in response to each respective the delivery schedule information request ~~by each respective particular user of a plurality of users, wherein each respective delivery schedule information request comprises at least a respective first postal code and a respective second postal code~~, a respective simultaneous potential cross-comparison delivery schedule, said respective

simultaneous potential cross-comparison delivery schedule comprising a plurality of respective service-specific, carrier-specific delivery schedules for a respective shipment from the respective first postal code to the respective second postal code according to the indication of the shipping date, ~~wherein each~~ respective service-specific, carrier-specific delivery schedule correspond[[s]]ing to a particular delivery service of a plurality of services offered by a particular carrier of a plurality of carriers, ~~wherein the each~~ respective ~~potential cross-comparison service-specific, carrier-specific~~ delivery schedule compris[[es]]ing a respective calendar delivery date and a respective delivery time for ~~each a corresponding~~ respective particular delivery service of the plurality of delivery services offered by ~~each a corresponding~~ respective particular carrier of the plurality of carriers that ~~would to~~ deliver the particular respective parcel from the respective first postal code to the second respective postal code according to the indication of the shipping date, said simultaneous potential cross-comparison delivery schedule comprising a respective service-specific, carrier-specific delivery schedule for each respective particular delivery service of the plurality of delivery services offered by each respective particular carrier of the plurality of carriers that would deliver the particular respective parcel from the respective first postal code to the respective second postal code according to the indication of the shipping date, ~~and wherein the computer system is accessed by each respective particular user via a communications network using a respective user client computer device.~~

8. (Currently Amended) The computer program product of Claim 7, said computer program product further comprising:

a set of program instructions for calculating a respective shipping rate for the respective shipment by each said corresponding respective particular delivery service from the respective first postal code to the respective second postal code according to the indication of the shipping date~~respective service-specific carrier-specific, delivery schedule~~.

9. (Currently Amended) The computer program product of Claim 8, said computer program product further comprising:

a set of program instructions for generating, in response to a user~~the~~ request by a respective particular user for a shipping rate and delivery schedule comparison, a display of an online interactive prompt to a display monitor configured with ~~[[the]]~~a respective user client computer device ~~[[of]]~~associated with the respective particular user, said online interactive prompt comprising a simultaneous potential cross-comparison of each of said respective shipping rates for each said particular delivery service, the display of each of said respective shipping rates corresponding to a display of the respective service-specific, carrier-specific delivery schedule for the respective shipment from the respective first postal code to the respective second postal code, said online interactive prompt configured for receiving a user's indication of a selection of a particular respective shipping rate and for responding to the user's indication of the selection of the particular respective shipping rate by facilitating shipment of a particular parcel using a particular delivery service offered by a particular carrier associated with the particular respective shipping rate.

10. (Currently Amended) A shipping management computer system configured for:
allowing~~facilitating~~ a user to request a package delivery service by providing shipping specifications to ship a particular parcel, said shipping specifications comprising parcel information, a first address, a second address, and an indication of a shipping date;

receiving said shipping specifications from said user;

identifying, from a plurality of carriers, a subset of carriers based on said shipping specifications, each of said subset of carriers being identified as capable of satisfying said shipping specifications by providing said package delivery service to said user;

identifying a first carrier from said subset of carriers and a first set of shipment types provided by said first carrier;

determining a first set of delivery schedules according to which said first carrier would be able to satisfy said shipping specifications, each one of said first set of delivery schedules corresponding to at least one of said first set of shipment types and comprising a calendar delivery date and a delivery time;

calculating a first set of service charges by said first carrier, each one of said first set of service charges calculated based upon at least one of said first set of shipment types provided by said first carrier;

identifying a second carrier from said subset of carriers and a second set of shipment types provided by said second carrier;

determining a second set of delivery schedules that said second carrier is capable of providing to said user, each one of said second set of delivery schedules corresponding to at least one of said second set of shipment types and comprising a calendar delivery date and a delivery time;

calculating a second set of service charges by said second carrier, each one of said second set of service charges calculated based upon at least one of said second set of shipment types provided by said second carrier;

simultaneously displaying to the user an interactive prompt comprising said first set of delivery schedules, an interactive display of said first set of service charges, [[and]] said first set of shipment types; and

~~simultaneously displaying to the user said second set of delivery schedules, an~~
interactive display of said second set of service charges, and said second set of shipment types, said interactive prompt configured for receiving a user's selection of one of said first set of service charges or said second set of service charges and for responding to the user's selection by facilitating shipment of the particular parcel using a particular shipment type offered by a particular carrier associated with a service charge associated with the user's selection.

Claims 11-12 Cancelled.

13. (Previously Presented) The shipping management computer system of Claim 10, wherein said first set of shipment types comprise ground shipment, next-day-air shipment and express shipment.

Claims 14-18. (Cancelled).

19. (Previously Presented) The shipping management computer system of Claim 10, wherein said first set of delivery schedules comprises:

a delivery schedule according to which said first carrier would be able to satisfy said shipping specifications via a first shipment type; and

a delivery schedule according to which said first carrier would be able to satisfy said shipping specifications via a second shipment type, said second shipment type being different from said first shipment type.

20. (Previously Presented) The shipping management computer system of Claim 19, wherein said second set of delivery schedules comprises:

a delivery schedule according to which said second carrier would be able to satisfy said shipping specifications via said first shipment type.

21. (Previously Presented) The shipping management computer system of Claim 20, wherein said second set of delivery schedules further comprises:

a delivery schedule according to which said second carrier would be able to satisfy said shipping specifications via said second shipment type.

22. (Currently Amended) The shipping management computer system of Claim 1, wherein said respective calendar delivery date and respective delivery time correspond, respectively, to a calendar date and a time.

23. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 4, wherein said respective calendar delivery date and respective delivery time correspond, respectively, to a calendar date and a time.